



The Palmetto Partisan



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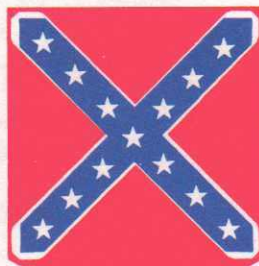
The bill to allow the SCV to have a personalized motorvehicle license plate passed the Senate Transportation committee. Contact you State Senator to voice your support for them to pass the bill in the Senate. It will take 300 applications if passed before the plate will be issued.

Confederate Medal of Honor

Real Son Rembert Kennedy along with 160 compatriots, members of the UDC and public were in attendance at the Medal of Honor presentation to Lt. Painpare', for his actions at the Battle of Dingles Mill. The medal will be on permanent display at the Sumter Co. Genealogical Research and Historical Center on W. Liberty St. The medal presentation was preceded by a reenactment of the battle and death of Lt. Painpare'.

This is the fifth soldier to receive this award in South Carolina.

MoH Committeemen & Past Div. Cdr. Bob Brown presents Medal to Camp Cdr. Max Jackson



Div. Stats. 43 camps, 2023 members, 44 Guardians, 35 Guardians Pro Tem.

Newly Pinned Guardians

At Memorial Day activities in Columbia:
Donnie Christopoulo - Bee Camp
Cary Jones - Bee Camp
Keith Rearden - Olde Abbeville Camp
Jerry Robertson - Olde Abbeville Camp

UpComing Events

July 20th. St. Pauls Episcopal Church Pendleton, Memorial Service for BG Barnard E. Bee, 3:30PM, call Cmpt. Lamar Ledford 266-3659 for inf.

July 30-Aug 2, 1997 International Convention, Nashville, TN

Jan. 11, 1998, tentative, dedication of Marker at the home site of Gen. Longstreet, Benson Camp.

Sept. 26, 1998, SD Lee Banquet, Benson Camp, North Augusta.

1998 International Convention, St. Louis, MO
1998 Division Convention Laurens
1999 International Convention, Mobile, AL
2000 Division Convention Charleston

Notice to Members and Camp Adjutants

Make Address Corrections to Adjutant, Adjutant to Division Adjutant - It is imperative that our mailing list be correct. In the first mailing of the Palmetto Partisan 60 letters were returned. This is unacceptable, we can not keep you informed if we do not have your correct address. Please help out and let us know.

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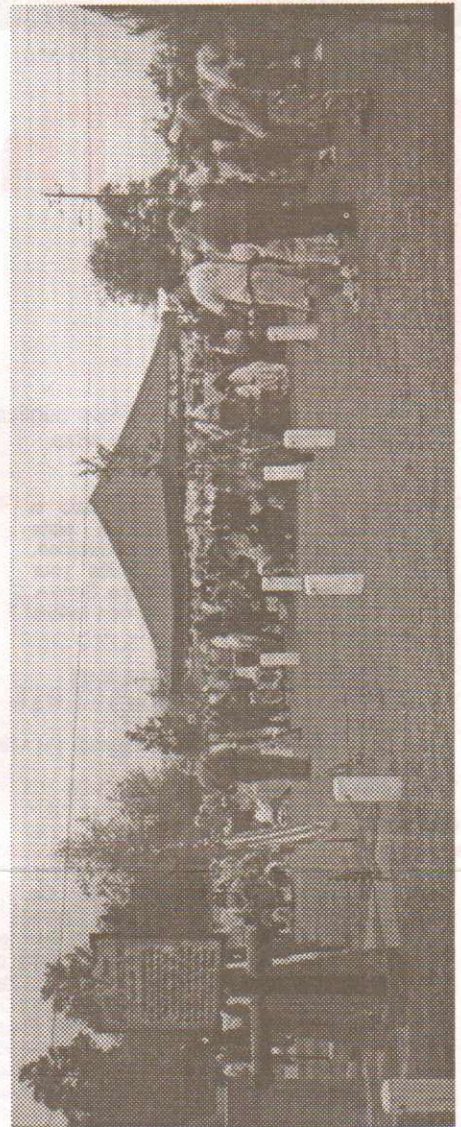
Editors, please, we know its expensive but exchange your newsletter with other camps. If not all of them at least with your brigade, Division Cdr., and Brigade Cdr. And don't forget to submit photos and stories of interest. Next deadline is May 23rd.



A short reenactment of the Battle of Dingles Mill was presented and narrated by Cdr. Brown.



Cdr. Jackson presents Medal for permanent display to Ms. Dorothy Reynolds, President of the Genealogical Society. The Medal will be housed at the Genealogical Research and Historical Center in Sumter.



The crowd looks on during the ceremony.

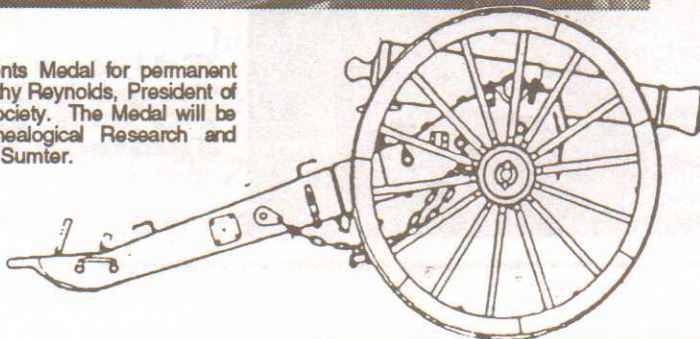
International Convention

Sons of Confederate Veterans General Convention
Nashville Tennessee, July 30 to August 2, 1997.

Activities planned for the Convention include 4 tours; Confederate Nashville, Battles of Nashville, Franklin, and Spring Hill. On Wednesday night, July 30th we will hold a Concert in the Ryman Auditorium, this will mark the 100th anniversary of the Confederate

Hotel: Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN, 37214. Rate: \$82.00 per night per room. Phone 1-800-228-9290 The Hotel is already half filled. We have in operation a General Convention HotLine 615-780-3181.

Email Inquiries: scvnash97@aol.com



DIVISION CONVENTION

AWARD RESULTS:

ELLISON CAPERS SCRAP BOOK

Dixie - 1st. Bee Camp Aiken; 2nd. Wade Hampton Camp Columbia.

Palmetto - 1st. John M. Kinard Camp Newberry, 2nd. PGT Beauregard Camp Sumter.

STONEWALL JACKSON AWARD

Cdr. Dennis Todd, 15th. Regt. and Cdr. Ron Wilson, 4th. Regt./Jefferson Davis Camps.

AMBROSE GONZALES NEWSLETTER

Dixie - 1st. Bee Camp Aiken Bill Bushall Editor;

2nd. Wade Hampton Camp Columbia, Howard Hughes Editor

Palmetto - 1st. PGT Beauregard Camp Sumter
2nd. none submitted

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE AWARD

States Rights Gist Camp West Springs with 9 members.

STEPHEN D. LEE HISTORICAL PROJECT

Dixie - None Submitted

Palmetto - 1st. Walker-Gaston Camp Chester, 2nd. PGT Beauregard Camp Sumter.

M. C. BUTLER RECRUITING AWARD

Dixie - 1st. 16th Regt. SC Vol. Camp Greenville, 2nd. Secession Camp Charleston.

Palmetto - 1st. Wee Nee Vol. Camp Kingstree, 2nd. Samuel McGowan Camp Laurens.

ROBERT E. LEE OUTSTANDING CAMP AWARD

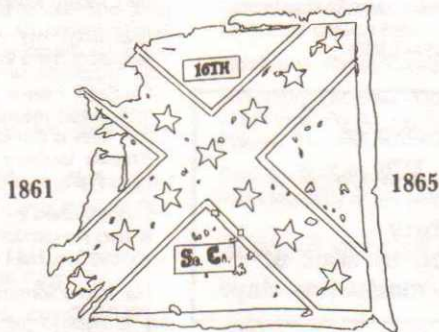
BG Barnard E. Bee Camp #1575 Aiken, Harry H. Woodward, Jr. Commander 1996.

THE JOHN ALBERT BROADUS CHAPLAIN'S AWARD - none awarded

THE JOHN AMASA MAY AWARD

Orin P. Smith, PhD

For a copy of the Awards Program Booklet contact CoS Ron Wilson. The Booklet also includes a current Division Speakers List, which I hope to Publish in the next issue of the Partisan.



16TH SC VOLUNTEERS Museum of Confederate History

The 16th South Carolina Volunteers Museum of Confederate History boasts a large and growing collection of artifacts and memorabilia from the War Between the States. The collection includes firearms, photographs, flags, edged weapons, currency, clothing, letters, newspapers, and other items from military and home life.

The Museum features a permanent exhibit about daily life on the homefront and the ladies contributions to the war effort. Future exhibits will include African American, Native American, and other ethnic groups that served as Confederate Soldiers; selected Confederate Generals; the common soldiers life; and traveling exhibits from other museums. The Museum also offers living history encampments by reenactors.



ZEDIKIAH B. WATKINS
Private age 16,
16th S.C. Regiment.

Elmwood Cemetery



Photo taken by: Cmt. Howard Hughes

Central to the Museum's mission of education is the Museum's extensive library which is available to the public for research on the War, related issues, and genealogy.

The Museum is owned and operated by the 16th South Carolina Volunteers, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp #36, in memory of the two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) gallant Confederate Soldiers killed during the War and in honor of all of the Confederate Soldiers who answered the call to duty. The Museum is located in the beautiful Pettigru Historic District of downtown Greenville, South Carolina.

Directions to Museum:

From Charlotte or Atlanta, take I-85 toward Greenville. Then take I-385 into downtown Greenville, and exit at Exit 42 (Stone Avenue). Turn left onto Laurens Road. At second stop light turn right onto East Washington Street. Go approximately one quarter (1/4) of a mile until you see the Greenville Zoo entrance on your left. After passing the Greenville Zoo, turn right at the first street (Boyce Avenue). The museum will be on your left at 15 Boyce Avenue.

From Columbia take I-26 toward Spartanburg, then I-385 North to downtown Greenville, Exit at Exit 42 (Stone Avenue) and turn left onto Laurens Road. At second stop light turn right onto East Washington Street. Go approximately one quarter (1/4) of a mile until you see the Greenville Zoo entrance on your left. After passing the Greenville Zoo, turn right at the first street (Boyce Avenue). The museum will be on your left at 15 Boyce Avenue.

Operating Hours

Friday: 5 pm - 9pm Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

Phone: 864-421-9039

Admission is Free Donations Gratefully Accepted



Division Email List

changes and updates
Verdin, Danny, Div. Lt. Cdr., dverdin@juno.com or dverdin@aol.com
left off the d in the last issue
And to receive info for the free service 1-800-654-JUNO

Confederate Memorial Day

Elmwood Cemetery
was a little wet but a good turnout of
reenactors and compatriots made the day.

Commanders Corner

Chris Sullivan, Commander

Congratulations are in order for the more than 400 Southern loyalists who braved torrential downpours to commemorate Confederate Memorial Day May 3. Despite the harsh weather, the crowd was treated to the best Confederate Memorial Day we have ever had. If you missed this event you missed the experience of a lifetime.

Of special note was the quality of the service. The re-enactors provided the basis for the service especially their fife and drum corps and bugler. We were also treated to the inaugural performance of the Secession State Men's Chorus a chorale composed of SCV men from across the state.

The high point of the day was the keynote address by Rev. Rick Barbare. Rev. Barbare is a Compatriot of the Edgefield Camp and his speech (reproduced elsewhere in this issue) was right on target and was a truly memorable oration. The men and women who sallied down Main Street despite the formidable storm did distinct honor to the memory of our ancestors. In addition to this service there were numerous other services across the Palmetto State. There were so many this year, there is no excuse if you failed to make at least one.

On the political front I am happy to say that it looks like a clean sweep for the honorable defense of our Southern heritage. The legislature has soundly rejected the governor's ill-conceived proposal to remove the Battleflag from the Statehouse dome. The Senate Judiciary Committee held a public hearing on the issue and invited comment from citizen representatives of six different organizations on various sides of the issue. In addition to myself, Lt. Cmdr. Verdin and Heritage Chairman Ed Walker addressed the committee.

The legislature is also poised to approve special vehicle tags with the SCV logo. Despite some initial controversy the bill now enjoys wide support. The legislature may also approve a bill to make Confederate Memorial Day a mandatory state holiday as well as a bill to protect monuments to Confederate veterans.

The Division met in convention in Hartsville for the transaction of business and special elections. Congratulations and thanks go to Compatriot Verdin who was elected Lieutenant Commander and Tommy Barineau who was elected 6th Brigade Commander. I would also like to express my appreciation to the Division for the vote of support which they expressed to me in regards to the conduct of our recent heritage battle.

This has been a great year for our Division and I am grateful for all the hard work which our officer corps has been willing to do. Without the effort of strong Division and Camp officers we would be little more than just another historical society.

All in all I think the men who wore the gray are very proud of the way they are being remembered even now on the eve of the 21st century. On their behalf, please allow me to say thank you.

Bonding of a Brotherhood

by Lindey Mabe, 1st. Lt. Cdr. PGT Beauregard Camp #1458

Last Sept. my wife and I journeyed north to celebrate our 50th HS reunions, mine in northern KY and hers in Toledo, OH.

On Sept. 7 we enjoyed my reunion and left for Toledo on the 11th. On the 12th, while refueling my car at a local gas station I was amazed to see a van with a Confederate Flag on the bumper. Being a Southerner in Yankee territory I was always looking for some type of Southern Hospitality or affiliation to comfort my homesick soul.

I approached the vehicle with the Confederate Flag bumper sticker and asked the gentleman if he was a member of the SCV. He immediately replied "no, but I can see that you are" as I was wearing my SCV pin.

He then informed that he was the Cdr. of the Sons of Union Veterans (SUV) Camp, James B. McPherson #66 of Northwood, OH, which is just outside of Toledo. We had a casual chat and exchange addresses and parted feeling we had made new friends.

We attended my wives HS reunion and proceeded back to Sumter, SC on the 15th. of Sept.

A few days after returning home I received a very friendly and cordial letter from Cdr. Duane Gettings of the McPherson Camp in OH. In his letter he indicated his and his camp's feeling as how they respected the Confederate cause and of how much they respected our Heritage. He told of how they as a camp go to Johnson Island located on Lake Erie and of how they decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers that are buried on this island. Checking Confederate History we found out that this Johnson Island had been a Union prison camp.

I took this letter to our camp meeting in Oct. and asked Cdr. Jackson to read it to the camp. Much to my surprise the letter was received with great emotion.

I was told by Cmpt. James Trapp that this meeting between the two camps must have been and act of our Good Lord. Several other members including my closest friend Cmpt. Tim Knowlton encouraged me to seek a brotherhood between the two camps.

Since Oct. we have exchanged many items including Camp Flags along with a proclamation declaring the PGT Beauregard and James B. McPherson camps as Brotherhood Camps.

I can only hope that by the joining of these camps that a greater union can be bonded for the things that both the SUV and the SCV so strongly believe in the preservation of our heritage.

As of now our brothers to the north have responded to our cry of "Keep the Flag Flying". One letter from the McPherson camp and one from the National HQ of the SUV damning Gov. Beasley and telling him to leave the Flag flying as it is an intrinsic part of Our Heritage, God Be It.

Lindy



Brigadier-General Bernard E. Bee
Camp #1575
Sons of Confederate Veterans
&
Co. B, 14th. S.C. Infantry
Reenactors
PO Box 1863
Aiken, SC 29802-1863
803-642-2500



Cordially Invite You to Attend The Next Meeting of the Camp

At 6 P.M. to Eat, Program starts at 7 P.M.

The Meeting Will Be Held at
Bobby's BBQ, on the Jefferson Davis Hwy.

or

Reenactors meeting, on _____, at the Aiken Co. Museum

Host Member _____ Phone _____

Meetings & Important
Dates to Remember

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Division Report

New Camps: the BG Milledge Luke Bonham Camp #48 chartered April 20th. at the Bonham House in Saluda. An organizational meeting has been held in Bennettsville for a new camp, more inf. next issue. If you know of potential members in that area contact Lt. Cdr. Verdin.

Other potential new camps to be built in Bamberg, Denmark, Winnsboro and finish one in Greenwood.

Div. Cdr. Sullivan has appointed Cdr. Howard Hughes of the Wade Hampton as Div. Inspector, if you need to contact him you may @ 236 Marabou Cir., West Columbia, SC 29169, 803-796-9016

Brigade # 1 News

Abbeville - Olde Abbeville Camp has had a proper rededication of the Confederate Monument on April 26th.

Greenville - 16th. SC Camp has submitted BG Micah Jenkins for the Confederate Medal of Honor with the medal to be displayed in their Museum, if awarded. Compatriots Jim Baldwin & David Rutledge are direct descendants of Jenkins, and Jim just published the book, *The Struck Eagle*, a biography of Jenkins. Established the Museum Guard program for museum service. Held a recruitment BBQ.

Pickens - 2nd. SC / Pickens Camp manned an information and sales booth at the Pickens Azalea Festival, making plans for their June 7-8 reenactment. The camp has two educational endowments, Wade Hampton for scholarships to a Pickens Co. HS Senior, and Joseph Oberstar for gifts of books to students or libraries.

Anderson - Palmetto Sharpshooter Camp will be offering a nearly impossible to tell it's a copy of a photo of 133 of the original 144 men in the Co. of Palmetto Riflemen. It is 11x17 inch, contact Cdr. Dan Snipes.

Brigade # 2 News

West Springs - Gist Camp assisted with a Living History display at the Dedication of the new Spartanburg County Library.

Rock Hill - Micah Jenkins Camp has planned road trips as a camp function to visit battle sites, the Confederate Museum in Greenville and looking for others. Camp is raffling of an 1851 Confederate Navy Revolver

Chester - Walker Gaston Camp is working with 3rd Brig to build a new camp in Winnsboro.

Brigade # 3 News

Aiken - Camp recruiting Guardians, gift of books to USC-A and County Libraries, Heritage Days Redcliff Plantation.

Pictured below Charleston Police Chief Reuben Greenberg, center, dressed out as a member of the 54th. Mass., Confederate Memorial Day 1997, Cdr. Mike Givens photo.



Edgefield - Gary Camp assisted the UDC with the rededication of the Tompkins Cemetery in Parksville.

Lexington - 15th. SC Camp continues to place VA markers; getting ready for annual garage sale.

Newberry - Kinard Camp, working on the monument restoration.

Batesburg-Leesville - Quattlebaum Camp manned an information booth at the local Poultry Festival. Raffling Chaplain Gene Storey's Battle Flag Prayer. Held special memorial activity for Gen. Palu Quattlebaum.

Saluda - Milledge Luke Bonham Camp chartered with 34 members and meet regularly at the Mathews' BBQ House at 7:30pm, in Saluda.

Brigade # 4 News

Sumter - Beauford Camp held its MoH presentation.

Brigade # 5 News

Rivers Bridge - assisted with the Battle at Rivers Bridge reenactment.

Bamwell - Duncan camp participated in the Springfield Frog Jump, Denmark Dogwood Festival, Bamwell May Festival and is going to have a camp picnic.

Brigade # 6 News

Moncks Corner - Capers Camp Cmpt. Johnson Freemans son (8 yrs) elected as President of the SC Division Children of the Confederacy and presented Honorary SC Div. SCV members Medal.

Georgetown - Battery White Camp Harborwalk will be June 28th., we'll again have a booth; Ladies Night is schedule for Aug. 26th. joint meeting with the UDC.

Division wide

Division Dues will be due June 30th until further notice. Send to Division Adj. Kennedy, PO Box 3391, W. Cola, SC 29171. Anyone knowing about the situation in Spartanburg please advise the division staff, ASAP.

Lt. Cdr. Verdin et al, is requesting interested members who can sing, to join the SCV Singers. They did an excellent job at the Memorial Services this past Memorial Day in Columbia

The above has been collected from newsletters received. I would appreciate additional information and photos from camp activities. We know many camps are doing a lot of excellent work, let everyone in the division know what that is. Your camp newsletter should contain news about the camp.



Originally I had only planned to publish parts of this speech, then do it in separate issues, but since there is such a good message and so little other information I have included the entire:

**Confederate Memorial Day Speech, Columbia, SC,
May 3, 1997 by:
Rev. C. Richard Barbare**

Rev. C. Richard "Rick" Barbare is a 1984 honors graduate of Bob Jones University. He received the Master of Divinity degree in 1987 from Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS, and is a Doctoral Candidate in the Doctor of Ministries program at Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC. Rick writes a weekly Southern historical column for the Edgefield Advertiser. He is Chaplain and Newsletter Editor of the Martin Witherspoon Gary Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans in Edgefield, SC. He recently served as mustering officer for the newly chartered Milledge Luke Bonham Camp in Saluda, SC which was sponsored by the Gary Camp. He also serves as Chaplain of the Matthew Calbraith Butler Chapter, Military Order of the Stars and Bars. He is pastor of Edgefield Presbyterian Church, Edgefield, SC, and serves as an adjunct faculty member of the Augusta School of Biblical Studies. Barnes Review has just published his article "Andersonville: Ted Turner's Production and the Civil War Prison System."

When the South lost the War for Southern Independence, the cause was not lost. President Jefferson Davis made this observation--

The principle for which we contend is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at another time and in another form.

Jefferson Davis was right on target. Every generation has its own skirmishes in the cause for which our ancestors fought-- regional self-determination in government.

Just as the principle of self-determination in government asserts itself again and again in every age, its opponents join the battle to overturn it in every age. In between skirmishes we rest, but do not dare "rust," as the saying goes. We must be ever vigilant for our liberty.

Friends, the South is the last best hope the world has of seeing a large cohesive people-group who stands for self-determination in government.

But society today seems to be far too enamored with big government as the ultimate answer for all of our problems. Government's job is to govern righteously and fairly and in the fear of Almighty God. George Washington warned us about too much fascination with government--

Government is not reason; it is not eloquence; it is force!

Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master!

The Old South stood for the vision of the founding fathers-- limited government, versus a runaway, leviathan Federal system which swallows up everything in its path. As one philosopher observes--

If we are not to succumb to totalitarianism, the positive meaning of freedom must be addressed in a manner and through institutions, beyond the competence of what is ordinarily meant by politics or government. The public square is the stage of many actors, not all of whom are following the same script.

The cause of the Confederate Battleflag is the cause proper of Sons of Confederate Veterans because it was the cause of the Confederate Veteran. We are their cultural and historical heirs. We cannot afford to permit our Southern heritage to be defamed any longer and continue as a people. Southerners must stand up for Southern heritage and values!

I. We must not permit anyone to remove our Southern symbols.

Some may question the need to defend the Confederate Battleflag in our quest for liberty. This questioning demonstrates that we have lost sight of the power of symbols as a cohesive element in the life of a people. We "Southerners" meet all of the requirements as a discrete people--distinct culture, common language, blood ties, and a glorious history.

As William Faulkner so eloquently stated about Quentin Compson, from *Absalom, Absalom!*--

...we in the south have spent generations agonizing over the question of who and what we are. We have arrived and survived to reach this juncture of history by that process of reflection...

The loss of a war and the economic deprivation that followed has forced us to reflect on the nature of those who conquered us. We have found in them, some things that are worthy and also much dross. It has always been my hope that they would at least allow us the same dignity.

What does it mean to be southern? For each and every Southerner it means something different, but for most it means the right to be eccentric, different, touched or insane and yet still belong; it is about having a place, a time, a home, roots, and history. These things aren't always pretty, especially when viewed honestly...they aren't always the best angels of our nature, but they are always ours. Proudly and profoundly ours...

Some of us come from plantations, some from slave quarters, others from dirt floor mountain cabins, some are native American, a few have an oriental heritage, some are African, some are European, and many of us are a little of all of the above. We are, however, one thing those from outside can never be or understand...we are southern. Hate us if you must but you can never make us hate ourselves and I hope, profoundly, that you will stop trying to make us hate each other. Our journey to get to where we are was difficult and I, for one, have no desire to repeat it. I certainly will not forget that journey, the lessons learned on the way, or dismiss it by destroying the symbols of that odyssey.

The Confederate Battleflag is the most important symbol of our Southern Odyssey.

I assure you that people on foreign soil have not lost sight of the power of the Confederate Battleflag as a symbol of liberty!

One man recently met a Rumanian girl who works in the same office as his wife. When she saw the small Battleflag hanging on his wife's bulletin board, she said, "In Romania we call it the "freedom flag" and identify it with people wishing to be free.

The Confederate Battleflag is a symbol of hope to the rest of the world. It expresses the hope of men and women who want more than anything else "to breathe free," as the inscription on the Statue of Liberty reads.

We are caught up in a movement, fueled by a small elitist minority, to make America a secular nation.

In order to secularize America, all symbols of transcendence must be removed from our public life and excluded from public discussion. Richard John Neuhaus has called this strategy The Naked Public Square. Big government will not permit interference from any other institution or interest in the public sector.

The Confederate Battleflag is the South's most conspicuous and historically religious symbol. To quote the recently published *Moral Defense of the Confederate Flag*--

The Confederate Flag itself is a Christian symbol. It is based on the Cross of St. Andrew, familiar in the wake of the movie *Braveheart* as the flag of Scotland. General P. G. T. Beauregard simply changed the color scheme and added a white star for each Confederate state.

The cross on the flag points to the transcendent basis of our liberty--God himself. God gives us our freedom. Government does not give it. It only protects it.

Some say that the Confederate Battleflag is an outmoded symbol from the past. It is true that the Battleflag is from the past. However, the past is important to the future.

According to one author--

It is the stuff of the past--the traditions of alternative vision, the remembered glimpse of roads not taken, and the experience of roads abandoned--that makes possible the criticism of the present and anticipation of futures quite different. The remembrance of things past does not contradict the idea of forward, even linear, movement of history. Rather, it locates the continuum by which such movement is defined. [Emphasis mine]

II. Neither can we permit our Southern culture to be dismantled!

The very essence of culture is competition. Differing cultures vie in each age for the soul of a nation. The American soul is in trouble today. It is in trouble because we as a society have lost sight of what made America great.

We must realize that a naked public square--one devoid of anything which might offend any other group's sensibilities--will not remain naked for long. A naked public square--stripped from all Battleflags, confederate monuments, and street names--will be filled with another culture.

We cannot permit the dismantling of Western Civilization in America by the forces of the multiculturalists. In fact, multiculturalism is just another name for anti-western civilization.

Arthur M. Schlesinger, in *The Disuniting of America*, speaks of history as a weapon in the war to remove the remnants of western civilization and culture from our society.

[Modern] interest in history is not as an intellectual discipline but rather as social and psychological therapy whose primary purpose is to raise the self-esteem of...groups.

...The critics [do] not want anything taught if it offend[s] members of their group; whatever [is] taught, many [claim], must have a positive effect on self-esteem or pride of their group.

The intellectual elitists in this country want a new history which will legitimate cultures which are foreign to our American democratic experiment.

Above all else, we must remember that Democracy came from European culture, not from other parts of the globe. Today, other parts of the globe look to America for a vision of democracy in their countries.

One man observed--

When the Chinese students erected a monument in Tiananmen Square, they did not build one shaped after Buddha or Confucius. They built an image of the Statue of Liberty! The question we face is whether we have the will to survive in the current culture wars.

III. We cannot permit anyone to alter our Southern history.

Southern heritage and history is non-negotiable to Southerners!!! I am disgusted with the current trend of discarding our heritage if it offends someone. Some appear to prefer a collective amnesia in regard to the War between the States era.

People of conviction need never be ashamed later on for what they do in defense of what their country believes is right. Likewise, we need not be ashamed of our relatives who fought in defense of Southern values. This is exactly why we, in South Carolina cannot furl the Confederate Battle-flag just to please a vocal few. It is a matter of patriotism. Such matters are nonnegotiable elements that lie at the very core of our identity as a people.

But why all of the rush today to revise Southern History by eliminating all that is Confederate? I think the reason is revealed in Milan Kundera's book *The Book of Laughter and Forgetting*--

The first step in liquidating a people is to erase its memory. Destroy its books, its culture, its history. [And I might add, its flag.] Then have somebody write new books, manufacture a new culture, invent a new history. Before long [that people] will begin to forget what it is and what it was.

As another says--

The struggle of man against power is the struggle of memory against forgetting.

So in the end, our most potent weapon as Southerners is our memory!!! We cannot forget!!! And we must not let others erase our memories.

Listen to the words of the Rev. Joseph E. Martin, of Jackson TN, spoken on November 9, 1894 at the annual memorial celebration of the Frank Cheatham Bivouac--

We have heard the expression, "N[ew] South". It has a strange sound to men of my generation. The Old South did not die in 1865. The Old South was outfought, and in exhaustion lay down to rest. She rose refreshed, and girded herself for the new emergencies. We have not forgotten our past; we are not ashamed of our past. We would do the same thing over if the demands of 1861 were to confront us. A N[ew] South? The same sun shines upon us, the same stars at night, the same genial clime embraces us as in 1861.

A N[ew] South because we are building cities and laying miles of steel, and digging into our mountains for minerals? If this is what is meant by a N[ew] South, I grant it. We are growing rich, and are only on the verge of our great resources.

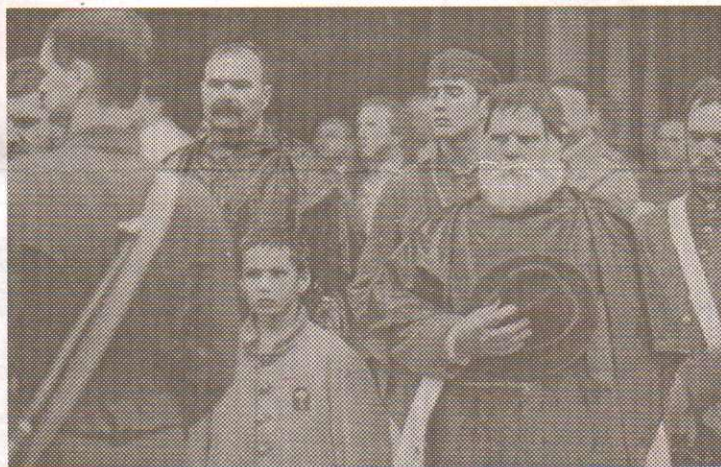
But before we would surrender our past, or apologize for our past, or beg pardon for our manhood in the past, I say let prosperity go and poverty come. Whenever we think that an iron mine is worth more than our dead soldiers, or a large city more essential than our history, then we will have a N[ew] South. When that time comes there will be no [Confederate] memorial day. The ashes of the dead would find a voice, and cry from their long silence: "Away, ye traitors stand back, and touch not our resting place! You do not belong to us; you are of alien stock. Go worship your god of material wealth. Chant your credo in the factory and mine, but come not here to profane our rest. To the young men, our sons, I

give this solemn charge: Be true to your fathers. Should the time come when their valor and soldier-hood, their heroism and love of liberty shall be spoken of as a mistake, I charge you, defend them, and be loyal to their memory.

South Carolinians, honor your Southern heritage!
God will vindicate our cause!



Cmt. Christopoulou being pinned Guardian by Cdr. Sullivan

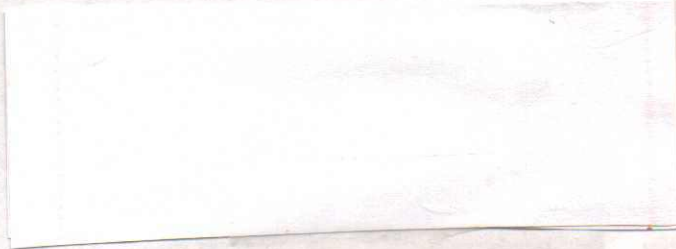


Palmetto Battalion members pay homage to our Confederate Ancestors.



Ladies and Children brave the weather to honor our ancestors.
Cdr. Mike Givens photos.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Division Dues are Due June 30th.

International Dues are Due July 1st.

July 20th. St. Pauls Episcopal Church Pendleton, Memorial for BG Bee

Camp picnics, reenactments, fun in the sun, etc.

July 30-August 2, 1997 International Convention, Nashville, TN